

Gallantly Gallic

French in all its variations.

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TRATTORIA QUEEN HOLLYWOOD

Bored of the usual pasta and pizza? Trattoria Queen Hollywood serves Italian dishes with a Japanese twist, such as pasta with taraba crab freshly flown in from Hokkaido.

A blackboard on the wall lists out all the ingredients, which are sourced from Japan. The alcoholic drinks are exclusively European, so no sake flow here.

G/F, 258 Hollywood Rd., Sheung Wan, 2559-6077.



TRATTORIA CAFFÈ MONTEVERDI

This resto prides itself on offering an intimate Italian experience. Its décor authentically recreates the interior of a traditional Italian country house, which also means that it is very intimate and tables are fully booked every night. A range of appetizers, pastas, risottos, meat dishes and desserts are available a la carte. Customers can choose to pair pasta with a sauce of their selection, although you can also go the recommended route, like a rabbit ragu with tagliatelle.

G/F, 6A High St., Sai Ying Pun, 2559-0115.



METROPOLITAIN

Get a taste of French home cooking at this sleek bistro located right next to the newly built escalator stretching up the hill on Centre Street. Metropolitan features an open kitchen, a long leather sofa and a huge map of Paris by the entrance. Some of their signature dishes include traditional salmon tartare, croque monsieur, beef tartare and creme brulee.

G/F, 46 High St., Sai Ying Pun, 6271-6102.



LE SALON DE THÉ

Joel Robuchon is taking over Hong Kong, with a new branch of his café at the IFC serving hungry shoppers all day long. Take your pick of sandwiches, cakes, macarons and simple French fare, and pair the food with a pot of fancy French tea.

Shop 2045A, IFC Mall, 8 Finance St., Central, 2234-7422.



LE SALON

This fancy French diner is run by restaurateur Tony Cheng, and serves everything from tea to multi-course dinners. Also check out its amazing croissanterie, which makes some of the tastiest variations of the French pastry.

Shop 1302, 13/F, Hysan Place, 500 Hennessy Rd., Causeway Bay, 2115-3328.